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Neighbors Oppose Proposed Changes In #19 Bus Route

Plans by Muni to change part of the route of the main bus line to serve Potrero Hill were revealed last month.

Participants in a community meeting on Muni's South of Market Service Plan Oct. 18 were presented with a number of alternatives that would change the route of the Muni's #19 bus line.

All three "service modules" presented to the group as part of various "service alternatives" would "extend 19-line short-line trips to Showplace Square," and "move NB 19-Line to 7th Street." The northbound 19 route currently includes 9th Street.

Participants in the meeting expressed a number of reasons why the #19 line should not be moved, and emphasized that it should be scheduled so that it runs more frequently.

When the straw poll was taken, the strongest vote was for leaving the #19 route as it is, but run more frequently.

Following the straw poll, Muni representatives at the meeting were asked whether the results meant that Muni would abandon plans for moving the #19 route. The answer was that there was no guarantee.

The next community meeting to deal with the matter will be a "Brown Bag Lunch Meeting" Monday, Nov. 8 from 12:30-2 p.m. at the Cift Center and Jewelry Mart, 6th Floor Meeting Room, 888 Brannan St.

The possible changes to the #19 route — as well as changes proposed for other Muni routes — will be on the agenda. For more information, call 923-2127.

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CLOWNING AROUND



Starko the Clown charms one young participant in the Oct. 23 Potrero Hill Festival's daytime activities. For more scenes from the festival, turn to Page 6.

Ruth Passen photo

New Development Plans for Potrero Hill Spark Call for Master Plan on Multimedia Office Growth

As new buildings destined for the burgeoning multimedia industry are being approved throughout the Potrero Hill area, debate is sharpening around whether these new buildings will be an improvement or a detriment to the neighborhood.

Recent discussions focusing on proposed multimedia developments in the area — a four-story, 300,000 square foot building at 350 Rhode Island Street as well as the nearby S&C Ford location at Mariposa and Kansas Streets — are bringing the issue into sharp relief.

For example, emphasizes longtime neighborhood activist Babette Drefke, "Now is the time to make a master plan for multimedia to protect both the neighborhood and the developers."

At a public hearing Oct. 7 before the city Planning Commission on the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 350 Rhode Island project, comments from the public included calls to define "Multimedia Gulch," and to list all present projects as well as those proposed, and their locations.

The current development trend is changing what was an industrial area into office space, and with inadequate Muni service to the area, many new workers are now driving here and occupying parking spaces meant for stores. The huge parking lot at 16th Street and Potrero Avenue is being used as a parking lot for workers in surrounding offices, not for the stores in that complex, the Commission was told.

The new multimedia buildings being proposed also have inadequate parking, many neighbors stress. At the building planned for the S&C Ford location at Mariposa and Kansas Streets, the proposal calls for 1,000 employees, but only 630 parking spaces. "This would leave 370 looking for spaces on the street that is already clogged up," says Drefke.

And on the next block at 350 Rhode Island Street, plans are being made for 350 employees, with 107 valet and 491 self-park spaces, which, Drefke adds, "leaves 480 looking for parking spots on the street. All this is within a two block area — as many as 836 people looking for parking spaces."

Although commissioners at the Oct. 7 session acknowledged that they recognized the problems, they took no action at that time. The matter is currently in the hands

of the Planning Dept.'s Alice Glasner to respond to the comments made at the hearing.

Next step will be for the members of the Planning Commission to vote to either accept or reject the EIR. No further public comment is scheduled for that meeting. If the Commissioners accept the EIR, then there will be a hearing on the conditional use permit, which will be open to the public for comment.

Two days after the Commission hearing, a group of neighbors met with developer Ron Kaufman in one of a series of ongoing meetings to discuss the planned development for the S&C Ford location.

In several previous meetings, design changes were suggested by neighbors, with some accepted. It was announced at the recent meeting that in response to many inquiries, the rooftop of one section of the proposed building will be enhanced by landscaping, with clumps of tall grass that will sway with the breezes. This is intended for the benefit of Hill neighbors who will look down at the roof.

Because of concern about the many large advertising signs being seen in the neighborhood, some participants in the meeting stressed that the exterior of this new building should not be used for advertising signage, particularly advertising with flashing lights that would face the residential area.

Developer Kaufman solicited signatures of support for his plan — a petition to the Planning Dept. and Commission. Some neighbors at the meeting signed the petition because they thought the plans they were shown at the Oct. 9 session were an improvement over the original concept.

Others did not sign because they indicated they wanted more detailed plans and expressed concern over the lack of parking spaces, the abundance of auto traffic caused by the project, and poor Muni transportation serving workers there.

It was noted that developers of buildings in this area were not paying a special Muni transportation tax, as owners of large downtown office buildings were required to do.

This proposal must go through the same environmental review process as the nearby site at 350 Rhode Island Street.

IN OUR VIEW

ELECTION RECOMMENDATIONS

MAYOR. Willie Lewis Brown, Jr.
DISTRICT ATTY. Terence Hallinan
SHERIFF. Michael Hennessey

- PROP. A**
Laguna Honda: The elderly and disabled deserve public responsibility and accountability.

YES
- PROP. B**
Police/Fire Retirement Benefits: Gives a chance to buy out of substandard pension tier, which many initially chose with inadequate information.

YES
- PROP. C**
Supervisory District Boundaries: Makes technical changes to previously approved measure.

YES
- PROP. D**
Sick Leave/Vacation Transfers: Allows city workers to help co-workers who are terminally ill by transferring sick leave and vacation credits to a general pool.

YES
- PROP. E**
Municipal Transportation Agency: Centralizes many current functions in new agency. Despite some possible improvements, we're concerned about lack of public accountability on the part of new governing body.

N/R
- PROP. F**
ATM Fees: End banks' double-dipping. . . .

YES
- PROP. G**
Sunshine Ordinance Amendment: The current law clearly has loopholes that need to be closed. Some on our staff fear this measure may be unworkable, however.

N/R
- PROP. H**
Downtown Caltrain Station: There are possible environmental benefits, but many questions remain.

N/R
- PROP. I**
Octavia Boulevard: A reasonable and environmentally sound alternative for traffic.

YES
- PROP. J**
Central Freeway Replacement: Support the Octavia Blvd. Plan by voting against this measure.

NO
- PROP. K**
Voluntary Spending Limits: Although these limits for district elections are really meaningless because they're voluntary, they're a step in the right direction.

YES

(N/R=No Recommendation)

GETTING INVOLVED

- ROSES (Residents of the Southeast Sector)** meets the first Thursday of each month (Nov. 4) with members of the San Francisco Police Department, to discuss issues of public concern. The Forum takes place at 7 p.m. in the Community Facility downstairs, at 1800 Oakdale at Phelps. This month's agenda will focus on issues of security and safety during the Y2K celebrations at year's end. Capt. Ron Roth will lead the discussion. Refreshments after the Forum.
- Potrero Hill Health Center Advisory Board** meets the second Monday of the month (Nov. 8) from 6-7 p.m. Meetings, held at the Center at 1050 Wisconsin St. are open to the public. Patients and friends are urged to stop in and see the surprising changes made in the arrangement of the entry/registration area — providing greater privacy for applicants and staff.
- Potrero Hill Democratic Club** meets the second Tuesday of each month (Nov. 9). The meetings start at 7 p.m. in the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St. This month's discussion will focus on the election results — citywide and on the Hill. Call Robert Boileau for more info. 826-6359.
- Potrero Hill Garden Club** meets the last Sunday of the month (Nov. 28) at 11 a.m. for a potluck brunch in a local home or garden. Informal discussion will be held on a variety of subjects relating to organic, edible or ornamental gardening appropriate for Potrero Hill's particular mini-climate. Please call 648-6740 for details.
- PLAN (Potrero League of Active Neighbors)** meets in executive session only. Anyone wishing to raise an issue for consideration by the board may phone Elizabeth at 826-6359.
- Starr King Park Board of Directors** meets the second Wednesday evening of each odd-numbered month (next meeting: Nov. 10) at 7 p.m. in the Potrero Hill Library upstairs meeting room, 1616 - 20th St. The Saturday morning work parties will continue to meet every month on the third Saturday (Nov. 20) at 9 a.m. in the park — located at Carolina and 23rd Sts.
- Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Assn.** meets the last Tuesday of the month (Nov. 30) at 7:30 p.m. in the Potrero Hill Library upstairs meeting room, 1616 - 20th St. The topic will be "Potrero Hill and the Ball Park; parking and traffic," with a rep from the Dept. of Parking and Traffic.

EDITORIAL VIEW

Why We're Voting for Willie Brown for Mayor

We endorse Willie L. Brown to serve another term in office as the Mayor of San Francisco. Brown's leadership has moved many programs from the drawingboard into reality. And while it's true that problems remain unresolved: homelessness, street repair and transportation, to name a few, in our memory no one mayor has — during his or her tenure — been able to solve the many problems besieging our city. It's an awesome task.

Critics point to faults, but forget about the Federal and State monies Brown has garnered for the city, and improvements he has achieved — among them; access to health benefits for more San Franciscans, and more childcare for working mothers.

As we progress and see changes in the city's profile we hear many valid complaints about heavier traffic, and fewer parking spaces, as well as less affordable housing. But we believe our mayor is heeding our criticisms and working to improve these situations. He has been praised nationally for improvements in new low-cost housing developments.

In all of his public life as an elected official — both in representing our city state-wide as well as being the mayor of our proud city — with Brown's loyalty to our history of working people and community life, he has represented us honestly and well. In all of his years of representation he has continued to care for the poor, for children, for seniors, and to maintain the wide diversity for which San Francisco has become a beacon for progressive legislation and way of life.

Much mud has been slung at our mayor for a number of reasons, but we urge the voters to think about the city, our welfare and future.

--Ruth Passen for the VIEW Staff

ANOTHER VIEW

Sending a Message With Ammiano Write-in Vote

Over the past few months, I've spoken with a number of people — on and off Potrero Hill — who told me they weren't going to vote in the Nov. 2 mayoral race. They were disenchanted with a number of things taking place in City Hall and around the city — spiraling housing prices, wholesale proliferation of loft developments, and closed-door decision-making, just to name a few. Perhaps sitting out this election would send a message, some of them said.

I sympathize with these frustrations, but on Nov. 2, I will not sit out the Mayor's race; rather, I will write in "Mayor: Tom Ammiano." Because he has put himself on the line for a number of issues that are important to me, I believe a write-in vote for Ammiano will send a strong message that these issues, as well as the city's liberal and progressive residents, cannot be ignored or taken for granted.

For example, Supervisors Tom Ammiano and Sue Bierman introduced a measure that would close the loopholes in live/work loft regulations by making these developers conform to provisions required of other residential developments — off-street parking, open space, and most importantly, requiring that a percentage of the development be affordable. Brown does not support such a measure, and instead talks about larger concentrations of affordable housing, as well as solutions on a regional basis. I think my vote for Ammiano will send a message that loft developers must do their share to provide affordable housing, and not continue to get a free ride from City Hall.

There are some other messages I want to send, too: That I support a Living Wage Ordinance for workers with city contracts. Ammiano is pushing this concept; the Mayor is now looking for "regional" solutions there, too. Another message: We must end closed-door decision making, such as the recent City Hall plan to move the Mission Rock homeless shelter to Dogpatch. "Getting things done" must not take place at the expense of public accountability and citizen participation. I believe my write-in vote will send a message that there must be a balance between the two.

Sitting out an election only sends one message: that there is an apathetic or cynical electorate that can continue to be taken for granted. For those people who share my concerns about some of the issues that affect us, I invite you to join me in writing in "Mayor: Tom Ammiano."

--Judy Baston, VIEW Associate Editor



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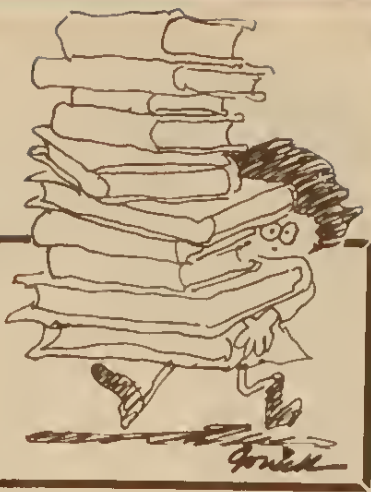
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SO SMALL, YET SO BIG STATISTIC CLUB UP THE HILL

The numbers are up at Potrero Library. Patronage has increased by 11 percent over last year. At a recent hearing on library hours and planning, the library was described by one participant as "the last integrated institution [for adults and children] on Potrero Hill." The increase in use by patrons of all races and nationalities enriches our library and encourages it to be a more democratic kind of place as we work to meet the broadening requirements of the community.

This change is reflected in Summer Reading Club participation, in the composition of audiences who attend programs at the library, in the number of languages that can be heard in conversation on any given day, and in the responsiveness of the staff to embrace the changes that suggest themselves or are suggested by others.

This is less of a moment to be self-congratulatory, and more of a moment to reflect upon the role of a branch that is small in size but big in its reach. Should we have an adult international language collection, an expanded African-American Interest Collection, a digitized Potrero Hill Archives? Please share your ideas with us. Without you speaking up, participating and contributing, we could not have grown a library that is so small into something so big.

DONATIONS SOUGHT

The library needs a new armchair. Do you have a chair that is clean, comfortable, attractive and in good condition that can stand the rigors of use by heavy readers, day in and day out?

We need six yards of heavy, decorative fabric that is about 60" wide, and the services of someone who can turn that fabric into a skirt for our display case.

Please call us at 695-6640 to let us know about your donation.

THANKS

Thanks to the anonymous patron who donated a newspaper rack to the branch, liberating the coffee table from stacks of dailies and weeklies.

Thanks also to Jane Fay for her edible tribute to the library, and as always, to the Potrero Women's Club for theirs.

LIBRARY PARADISO

We now can offer patrons more than 700 videos for checkout, thanks in large part to a donation from two very generous patrons. Videos circulate for seven days, and there is a dollar per day late charge. Videos may now be returned to any branch in the San Francisco Public Library system.

RAW WITH JULIANO

Join Juliano Brotman, chef of Organica

restaurant and author of the cookbook "Raw," on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 3 p.m. for a demonstration of how to prepare raw, organic, gourmet cuisine. Juliano's vegan cuisine is the rage in Hollywood and now in San Francisco.

ATTENTION SUMMER READERS!

The following Summer Reading Club participants have not yet picked up their certificates, and might be missing something special: Kali Acquah, Kwesi Acquah, Reese Adams-Romagnoli, Aaron Amerperosa, Patrick Boileau, Eddie Collins, Roxanna Contreras, Alexa Davis, Cecilia Davis, Darryka David, Maggie Doyle, Ronnie Helem, Christina Hurtado, DaShawn Jackson, Elizabeth Jones, Jar Jones, Claire Kirkpatrick, Grace Powers, Lisa Puccio, Niall Kneerim, Tiane Kneerim, and Monae White.

DANIEL GALVEZ TO APPEAR

In a program jointly sponsored by Children's Book Press, Starr King Elementary School and the San Francisco Public Library, children's muralist Daniel Galvez, illustrator of the book, "It Doesn't Have to be this Way: A Barrio Story," by Luis Rodriguez, will appear at the library on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Infant and Toddler Lapsit takes place on Thursday, Nov. 11, 18, and 25, at 10:30. Pre-school Story Time takes place on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 17, and 14 at 7 p.m. The film, "Shao Ping, Acrobat," will be shown on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 10 a.m., and Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER

* Brand, Dionne. "At the Full and Change of the Moon: a novel." Second novel from Trinidad-born author vividly captures the essence of slavery, in a story that begins when leg irons are clapped onto a leader of a secret society of slaves.

* Levy, Deborah. "Billy and Girl." Judy Blume meets William Golding in this biting, modern portrait of two street-smart adolescents, raising each other in NOT-the-English-Countryside. Complex, moving novel that explores themes of identity where the moral center floats.

* Barry, Lynda. "Cruddy." Gritty first novel by syndicated cartoonist/playwright. A bloody story told by a 16-year-old young woman is tougher and uglier than any of the artist's previous work. Never lets up.

* Lee, Chang-rae. "A Gesture of Life." Franklin Hata, born to Korean parents, raised by a Japanese family and settled in the United States, struggles with his adopted daughter and his role in World War II.

* White, Michael. "Blind Side of the Heart." Detailed and engrossing second novel follows class conflicts, shame and loyalty among New England's Irish-American Catholics when a priest is tried for sodomy and murder.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER FOR CHILDREN

* Browdish, Lynea. "Living with my Stepfather is like Living with a Moose"

* Kline, Suzy. "Song Lee and the 'I Hate You' Notes"

* Dubowski, Mark and Cathy East Dubowski. "Ice Mummy"

* Tamar, Erika. "Alphabet City Ballet"

* Peck, Robert. "Soup"

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TEN YEARS AGO

In The View

EARTHQUAKE NOTEBOOK

Vas Arnautoff wrote about the reactions of Hill dwellers to the October 17, 1989 earthquake . . . Ellie Baines, 91, recalled the 1906 quake, when her family lost everything they had . . . volunteers turned out to the Wisconsin Street firehouse to help in whatever way they could . . . musician Joe Ellis got a new appreciation of rock and roll . . . there was little damage on the Hill, other than the loss of electrical power and phone connection . . . Hill folk learned of the Bridge disaster and the freeway collapse from portable radios . . . there were impromptu block parties on Wisconsin, Rhode Island and De Haro . . . when direct phone contact with Southern California wasn't working, Arden Arnautoff called her daughter in Israel, who was able to call her grandmother in Ventura . . . the day after the quake almost everything had returned to normal.

VIEW EDITORIAL URGES NO ON PROP P

The consensus among the View staff was overwhelming against Proposition P, which would allow construction of a baseball stadium in the China Basin area.

HILL REALTOR REMINISCES

Ray Cicerone, who opened his real estate office at 20th and Connecticut Streets in 1954, saw many dramatic changes during his time on the Hill. "Most dramatic of the changes, from the realtor's point of view, are the skyrocketing prices of property on the Hill. He pulls out some old files and says, 'Look at these! In 1973, 800 De Haro Street went for \$13,000! Here's two units for \$20,000!' He remembered that another change began when Enola Maxwell became the director of the Neighborhood House in 1972. The appointment was met with many fears, but he soon learned that she was a person whose view was that "it doesn't always have to be my way or your way. Let's get together and do it our way."

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES QUESTION "WAR ON DRUGS"

Members of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom met with members of a number of community organizations to ask some pointed questions about then-President Bush's "War on Drugs." They shared an outpouring of stories about dilemmas with the social system; crushed hopes; a need for more social workers; a lack of health advisers; and an endless wait for help.

PROGRAM GIVES HILL SENIORS A LOOK AT NICARAGUA

Under the auspices of "Elders for Survival," an organization that Hill resident Sara Crone, 78, helped found in 1985, US citizens were traveling to Nicaragua for a first-hand look at the life and struggles of the people there, the effects of US policies, and the beauty of the lush landscape. The elders focused on visits with people from all walks of life throughout the country.

CELEBRATING POTRERO HILL

A celebration of Potrero Hill — starting off with a pancake breakfast at the Neighborhood House — continued with an outdoor festival at the Daniel Webster School, at 20th and Missouri Streets. More than 1,000 people enjoyed the festivities, Brazilian and Hawaiian dancers, face-painting and story telling, Peruvian and Latin music and jazz, tap dancing and bean bag tossing. And, of course, food.

AND TWENTY YEARS AGO . . . Eviction notices that were contested in court zoned from 949 to 1,217 cases in 1979 compared to the previous year . . . the View recommended Enola Maxwell for Supervisor in the November election . . . Father Peter Sammon of St. Teresa's Church reported on meeting Pope John Paul II in Philadelphia during the Pope's American tour . . . a powerful prison drama, "Short Eyes," was presented at the Victoria Theater, to great acclaim . . . the Gallein Theater presented a double bill, "Sugar-mouth Sam Don't Dance No More," and "The Liberation of JML" . . . the Gallein announced it would present Shakespeare's "Macbeth," directed by Richard Reineccius, in November 1979 . . . The View urged support for Prop. R for affordable housing, and Prop. P, the initiative to tax the corporation in the city . . . Hill resident and attorney Judith A. Breka was appointed by Mayor Feinstein to the Commission on the Status of Women.

— Bernie Gershater



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Enola D. Maxwell, Executive Director

ON-GOING MEETINGS:

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Alcoholics Anonymous	Sun, Mon 8:00 pm/Thurs, 8:30 pm
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Narcotics Anonymous	Wednesdays, 8:00 pm
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MUNI Tix at Nabe

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Senior MUNI: \$8.00

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For more information, call
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OFFICIAL DPT MEETING

Parking Permits on Hill

Topic of Nov. 17 Session

The Department of Parking and Traffic will conduct a public meeting to consider establishing a Residential Permit Program for the following streets:

- Connecticut Street, both sides, between 17th & Mariposa Streets (100 block);
- Mariposa Street, both sides, between Mississippi & Texas Sts. (1100 block);
- Mariposa Street, both sides, between Missouri & Texas Sts. (1200 block);
- Mariposa Street, both sides, between Connecticut & Missouri Sts (1300 bl.);
- Mariposa Street, both sides, between Arkansas & Connecticut Sts. (1400 bl.);
- Mississippi Street, both sides, between 18th & Mariposa Sts. (200 block);
- Mississippi Street, both sides, between 18th & 19th Sts. (300 block);
- Mississippi Street, both sides, between 19th & 20th Sts (400 block);
- Mississippi Street, both sides, between

- 20th & 22nd Sts. (500 & 600 blocks);
- Missouri Street, both sides, between 17th & Mariposa Sts. (100 block);
- Missouri Street, both sides, between 18th & Mariposa Sts. (200 block);
- Missouri Street, both sides, between 18th & 19th Sts (300 block);
- Pennsylvania Avenue, both sides, between 18th & 19th Sts (300 block);
- Pennsylvania Avenue, both sides, between 19th & 20th Sts. (400 block);
- Pennsylvania Avenue, both sides, between 20th & 22nd Sts (500 & 600 blocks).

This meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jackson Playground Gym near the intersection of Arkansas and Mariposa Streets. All interested parties are urged to attend.

For any questions regarding this meeting, please call Cynthia Hui of the Traffic Engineering Division at 252-3259.

MUSIC TO THEIR EARS



Paul Ash, Executive Director of the San Francisco Food Bank on Pennsylvania Street, receives a check for \$53,730 from radio personality AnnaLisa of KFOG. The check represents a portion of the \$334,589 raised from the station's "Live from the Archives V" CD, a collection of exclusive recordings whose sale benefits seven Bay Area food banks.

Parents on Patrol Helps Family of Slain Teenager

Hill residents shopping at certain neighborhood stores during the last month may have noticed something different on the check-out-counter — a donation box to collect funds for the family of 14 year old Fernando Lozado, stabbed to death in August at 17th and Arkansas Streets as he got off a bus to attend a baseball game at Jackson Playground between Potrero Hill Middle School and Everett Middle School.

Young Lozado lived with his family on Dakota Street, in Potrero Hill's public housing, but attended Everett, in the Mission District.

Although early police investigations of the murder focused on the possibility of gang conflict exploding in the fatal encounter, William Cratic of the organization collecting funds for the family — Parents on Patrol — are stressing that "wealth is not important, race is not important — he's a kid from here and we look after our own."

Cratic works at the Multi-Service Center south of City Tow. The 36 year old Naval veteran, who served on the USS Enterprise, won a Presidential Humanitarian award for saving refugees.

Parents on Patrol was founded to help provide a safer atmosphere in the Hill's public housing complexes for the young

people who live there. Cratic told *The View* that "funerals are expensive, but everything helps. The generosity has been outstanding."

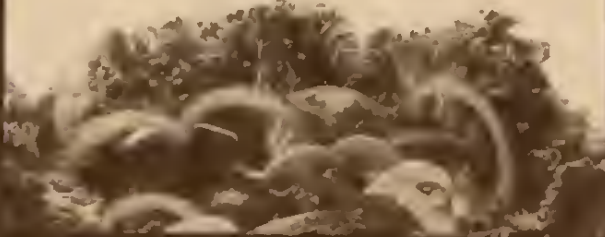
Donation boxes on the Hill have been at Klein's Deli, the Daily Scoop, where one of young Lozado's sisters works; New Potrero Market, where owners took \$50 out of the register to put in the collection box; and the International Studies Academy, where two of Lozado's sisters go to school.

VETERAN'S DAY - NOV. 11



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Capt. Ron Roth speaks at the Oct. 6 opening of the Potrero Hill Substation of the San Francisco Police Dept., located in the Potrero Hill public housing units.

Ruth Passen photo

Police Open Substation In Potrero Public Housing

The Potrero Hill Substation of the San Francisco Police Dept. opened Oct. 6 in the Potrero public housing units on Connecticut Street.

Speaking at the opening, Bayview Station Capt. Ron Roth promised that "officers will treat everyone with compassion, respect and understanding."

Also speaking at the opening was Mayor Willie Brown, who noted that the Potrero facility is the fourth San Francisco Police

Dept. substation opened in the city, specifically for community policing, adding that crime statistics are down more than 40 percent overall in San Francisco.

Brown also stressed that "this housing must be treated as if it was in Pacific Heights or any other community in the city."

The substation is under the command of Sgt. Carl S. Tennenbaum, who can be reached at the Bayview Station, 671-2300.

Arts Contributions Urged In Property Tax Payment

San Francisco property taxpayers can help the City's numerous art and cultural organizations by contributing to the Voluntary Arts Contribution Fund (VACF). By adding a donation in any amount to their December 1999 property tax payments, property owners can help San Francisco's small theaters, galleries, parks, neighborhood centers, schools and more. The VACF brings urgently needed assistance to many of the City's non-profit arts and cultural organizations that may have nowhere else to turn to for their emergency needs.

All of the money donated to the VACF is distributed to the City's arts and cultural organizations whose work continues to make San Francisco one of the most vibrant arts centers in the country. Known as "the little grants that make a big difference," the VACF, which is administered by Grants for the Arts of the San Francisco Hotel Tax Fund, provides support for urgently needed equipment or capital improvements, including safety

hardware, wheelchair ramps, special lighting and fireproofing.

During the last cycle of applications, a total of \$150,000 in grants was shared by 58 of San Francisco's neighborhood arts and cultural groups; the largest distribution in the VACF's 15-year history. Fund recipients have included California Contemporary Dancers, Lorraine Hansbury Theatre, The Women's Building, San Francisco Mime Troupe, San Francisco School of Circus Arts and Chinese Cultural Foundation, to name a very few.

The VACF, established by the Board of Supervisors in 1984, allows San Francisco property tax payers to add a contribution of \$5 or more to their tax bill to benefit the arts. More than \$500,000 has been collected and distributed directly to arts organizations since the fund's inception.

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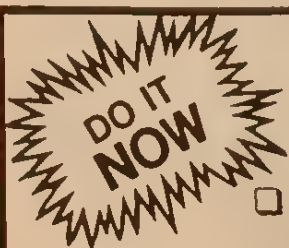
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It was a day – and evening – of fun and celebration for participants in the Potrero Hill Festival Oct. 23. Hawaiian dancers from the International Studies Academy, members of the Potrero Hill Merchants Assn., Mayor Willie Brown, District Attorney Terence Hallinan, Assessor Doris Ward and Supervisor Sue Bierman were among those who joined in the festivities.

Ruth Passen photos



TWO TANGOS AND A KISS. Jose Navarrete, in partnership with Theater Artaud, presents the premiere of "Valentino," a sance theater work with original score by Argentine composer Alejandro Oyuela. The program also includes "The Hidden Kiss," a trio on women's intimate moments, "Essay on Tango," and an improvisation on tango and cello. Dec. 1-5, 8 p.m., Dec. 5, 3 p.m., with a Milonga afterward. For info call 621-7797.

AARP WANTS VOLUNTEERS to provide free income tax assistance to seniors and other low and moderate income Americans. Volunteers attend classes in January where they receive extensive training. Call the American Assn. of Retired Persons at 1-888-227-7669, or in San Francisco, call (415) 469-9493.

CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR, Saturday, Nov. 20 from 1-2 p.m. at Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St., will recognize local landmarks in "Basrio: Jose's Neighborhood," by George Ancona, which features the Mission District. Then the group will hear from the youngest sister in "One of Three," by Angela Johnston. Appropriate for ages 3-8.

END THE TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN Join Radical Women (RW) and learn about the Purple Rose Campaign, a nationwide effort of the US-Philippine women's solidarity network, to raise awareness about sexual violence and human rights abuses against women. The meeting, slated Thursday, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m., will also feature updates on RW's current revolutionary feminist activities. Homemade dinner available at 6:30 p.m. for a \$6.50 donation. At New Valencia Hall, 1908 Mission St. near 16th. 864-1278 for information.

COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER presents a free concert with conversation by guitarist Manuel Barrueco, featuring the works of Bach, Mozart and the great Spanish masters, as well as the music of the Beatles, Chick Corea and Keith Jarrett. Saturday, Nov. 13, 8 p.m., at 544 Capp St., between 20th and 21st Streets.

THE LEUKEMIA SOCIETY OF AMERICA Team in Training is an endurance training program for runners, walkers, cyclists and triathletes. A 4-5 month training programs begins Dec. 4 for the London Marathon, the Country Music Marathon, the Big Sur Marathon, and the Tour of the California Alps. An informational meeting where participants can meet coaches, staff and past participants will be held Wednesday, Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m., at Crown Plaza, Union Square, 480 Sutter St., and Saturday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St., Call 1-800 78TRAIN for more info.



DUO WITH MICHAEL SMOLENS AND SHELDON Nov. 5, at 8 p.m. at the ODC Dance Theater. Forget your preconceptions about "free music" and come aboard this train of improvisations: from gospel, uptempo swing, and lush ballads to echoes of Villn-Lobos, Schoenberg and Bach to African, North Indian, and Irish influenced pieces. Michael Smolens and Sheldon Brown are multi-instrumentalists who compose and perform together. Tickets are \$15. Call (415) 863-9834.

SAN FRANCISCO CIRCUS presents Zoppo! S.F.'s newest extreme form of art returns to Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St., with dazzling aerial acrobatics, contortion, juggling, hoop diving and a whole lot more! Dec. 17 through Jan. 2. (No performances on Christmas Day). Showtimes are 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16 & \$18; \$10 for children. Call (415) 621-7797.

INTERSECTION FOR THE ARTS announces a new program, "Jazz at Intersection," featuring the best jazz musicians in the Bay Area playing the compositions of Thelonius Monk, on Saturday, Dec. 4, noon to 2 p.m., at 446 Valencia. Pre-registration is required. Call Rachel at 626-2787.

AUDITIONS ARE BEING HELD for "Amahl and the Night Visitors," a one-act opera by Gian Carlo Menotti. Performances will be in December at Goat Hall, 400 Missouri Street at 19th Street. For information call Harriet at 650-355-2597.

THE OLDER WOMEN'S LEAGUE'S November meeting will be held Saturday, Nov. 20, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The discussion subject, "You and Your Adult Children," will be led by Mary Goulding, MSW, and Micheline Maccario, M.D. Call 989-4422 for location and other information.

LUNATIQUE FANTASTIQUE, in association with the Marsh Theater, presents "Objects in Predicaments," a puppetry extravaganza. Performance artist Liebe Wetzel releases the sweet, sad, naive, hearty beings inside "ordinary" objects. At the Marsh Theater, 1062 Valencia, Sundays, Nov. 7 and 14 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5-8. For information call 826-5750, ext. 2.

SF SPCA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS on an ongoing basis as cat socializers, dog walkers and adoption counselors. Orientations will be held Tuesdays, Nov. 9 and 30, from 5-7 p.m., and Saturdays, Nov. 6 and 20 from 10 a.m. to noon, in the Learning Center at 243 Alabama Street. For more information call 554-3087.

CLASSES IN TAPESTRY, QUILTING, surface design and loom weaving are now being held at the old Lowell High School on Hayes and Masonic, (now called John Adams Campus of City College of San Francisco). There are credit and non-credit classes. New students can join the non-credit classes at any time, and they have openings now. Call 561-1900 and ask about the textile program.

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY include: Friday, Nov. 5, noon - 1:30 p.m., the 15th annual Film Arts Festival of Independent Cinema presents "Just Mom and Me." The film follows five women raising children without a father, a Jewish widow, a San Francisco attorney, an African American divorcee, a Hispanic teenager, and a donor-inseminated white professional woman, as they juggle their jobs, romantic lives, and mother responsibilities. Main Library, Koret Auditorium; On Wednesday, Nov. 10, 6-7:30 p.m., "Rediscovering California at 150," vivid in-person portrayals of fascinating and important figures of Gold Rush history, Koret Auditorium; Saturday, Nov. 13, 4-6 p.m., "Queer at the End of the Century," conversations about gender, race and class, Latino/Hispanic Community Meeting Room, Mondays, Nov. 15, 22 and 29, 7-8 p.m.

ALSO AT THE MAIN LIBRARY, and exhibit and series of programs celebrating the work of the author, painter, choreographer, performer and teacher, Remy Charlip, creator of 29 children's books and an innovative performer in theater and dance. Main Library, Jewett Gallery, through Dec. 13.

WOMEN AGAINST RAPE is offering a free 12-hour self-defense class for women in Spanish and English, Nov. 6. For more information call 861-2024, ext 304 (for English), ext. 351 (for Spanish).

THERE IS ALWAYS A BARGAIN to be found at the Potrero Hill Flea Market and Bazaar, Saturday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St. Hunters and gatherers looking for everything from fashion and books to old records, antiques, toys and tools browse through a wide variety of booths, each with its own special flavor, at this semi-annual community event. Six by six foot spaces for vendors are available for the "rock-bottom" price of \$10, and can be reserved by calling 826-8080, ext. 220. Proceeds from booth rentals and food sales benefit the ongoing work of the NABE, a non-profit community center serving the Potrero Hill community. Admission to the event is free. The Nabe is located at the corner of De Haro and Southern Heights and is served by the 19 and 53 MUNI lines.

MISSION BAY TOURS: Tour participants will view the area where UCSF broke ground in October for the first research building at the 43-acre Mission Bay campus and will stop at the Catellus Mission Bay Visitor's Center, located at 255 Channel St., where they will see plans for the entire 303-acre neighborhood. Tours begin and end on Thursday, Nov. 18 at the UCSF library on Parnassus. Reservations are required a week in advance. Call 476-4394.

IMAGINATION PRODUCTIONS - a new arrival on the San Francisco theater scene - presents Sam Shepard's "Savage Love" and "The Shawl" by David Mamet in a provocative double bill that addresses love, sex, homophobia, self-censorship and self-knowledge. Performances take place at Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926-16th St., Nov. 26-28. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. Call 351-1075 for more info.

JOIN THE S.F. LEAGUE OF URBAN GARDENERS (SLUG) for a workshop on growing roses organically in the city. Rose expert and organic gardening enthusiast Anya Malka-Ilelevi will demonstrate how to nurture beautiful roses without pesticides, herbicides or chemical fertilizers. This workshop will be held Saturday, Nov. 20, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Garden for the Environment on 7th Ave. at Lawton St. and costs \$5 for SLUG members and \$10 for non-members. Call 285-7584.

SAN FRANCISCO HIP HOP DANCEFEST 1999 features performers from the Bay Area and beyond and includes Culture Shock, City Shock (Culture Shock's Youth group), Kevin O'Keefe, Dance-A-Vision, Carla Service, New Style Motherlode: Corey Action Harrison, Micaya & Company, Destiny, BODYslanguage, Bruthas and Sislas, Boom Squad, In-Effect and MADD (Masters of Aerodynamic Discipline) Crew. Takes place at Theater Artaud at 450 Florida St., Nov. 18 - 21. All shows begin at 8 p.m. For more info call Director Kim Cook at 621-7797.

TO HELP PEOPLE WITH ARTHRITIS understand the large number of new treatments available for the different forms of the disease, the Arthritis Foundation has issued an updated version of its popular "Drug Guide," published by Arthritis Today, the Arthritis Foundation's consumer magazine. The "Guide" explains more than 230 prescription and over-the-counter medications, including all of the newest arthritis drugs, and more. It is available free from the Foundation, Northern California Chapter at (800) 464-6240 to order your copy.

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Four Decades of Political Theater for Mime Troupe

In celebration of four decades of political activism and grassroots theater, the Tony Award-winning San Francisco Mime Troupe will hold a special 40th anniversary celebration in early December.

Events will include an evening of highlights from various Mime Troupe shows over the years, performed live on stage by notable Troupe alumni, and celebrating favorite characters such as Factwino.

Also planned is a forum discussing counter-culture and political theatre, which will include Mime Troupe veterans from the "Age of Aquarius" to today. Many renowned Troupers are taking part in the celebration, including Sharon Lockwood, Peter Coyote, Shabaka (the original Factwino), Joan Mankin, Joe Bellan, and Arthur Holden, among others.

For most of the past four decades, the Mime Troupe has premiered original political satires with free shows in San Francisco parks, and taken them on tour at modest ticket prices around California and the world.

The panel discussion takes place December 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Cowell Theatre, Ft. Mason Center, in San Francisco, and is free to the public.

The performance will be held at the Palace of Fine Arts Theater, Bay & Lyon Streets, in San Francisco, on Monday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. General Admission is \$20; \$50 reserved seating, \$100 reserved seating plus backstage reception and passes to private events on December 3 and 4.

The Mime Troupe has made their home for many years on Treat Street in the Mission District, where they rehearse, and conduct theater workshops for at-risk teens.

Among other past members, some of whom will appear in the Dec. 6 performance, are Jael Weisman, Peggy Snider, Paty Silver, Esteban Oropeza, Maria Acosta, Joaquin Aranda, Brian Freeman, Eduardo Robledo, Wilma Bonet, and Lonnie Ford (who was the first African American actor to join the company in 1974 when the Troupe adopted an affirmative action policy to become a multiracial ensemble). In 1994 the Troupe adopted a similar policy to become multigenerational.

Throughout annual summer workshops, which attract students from around the world who exchange labor for learning, the company is training a new generation of political theater artists.

For more information, call the Mime Troupe at 285-1717, or visit their website at www.sfmt.org

Members of the San Francisco Mime Troupe (right) will mark their 40th anniversary with two events scheduled in early December.



Glimpse at Troupe's Historic Start

R.C. Davis, trained as a dancer and mime, founded his Mime Troupe, soon to become the San Francisco Mime Troupe (SFMT) in 1959 as an experimental project of the now-legendary Actors' Workshop. The ensemble's first pieces were silent — not pantomime, but movement "events" with visual art elements and music.

In 1961, Davis, a Potrero Hill resident, began exploring a spoken, but still movement-based form: commedia dell'arte, the popular theater of the Italian Renaissance, played by stock characters in masks. In 1962, he took a commedia play, "The Dowry," outdoors for a single performance in San Francisco's Washington Square Park, passing the hat afterwards. The following year, the city's Recreation and Park Commission denied the Troupe a permit to perform, on grounds of "obscenity." The ensuing court case, argued by Marvin Stender of the American Civil Liberties Union, established the right of artists to perform uncensored in the city's parks. The SFMT has opened a new show in the parks every summer since then.

Until 1970, these outdoor shows were usually comedias, adapted from classic plays and to satirize present day situations. Indoors, Davis did plays by Jarry, De Ghelderode and Brecht, most with live music, and shorter works by writers close to the company like Peter Berg, who coined the term "guerrilla theater" in 1963. In 1965, Davis, Saul Landau, and a racially mixed group of actors created "A Minstrel Show, or Civil Rights in a Cracker Barrel," using a historically racist form to attack racism in both its redneck and liberal varieties. The Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) sponsored performances around the country, the Troupe began its life as a touring company, and there were more arrests. Future rock impresario Bill Graham, then the company's business manager, organized his first rock dance/light show at the Fillmore Auditorium as a bail benefit for the SFMT.

The Troupe clinched its radical reputation in 1967 when "L'Amant Militaire," a commedia by Coldoni updated to satirize the Vietnam war, with Davis and Peter Cohon (later Peter Coyote) in leading roles, toured campuses across the Midwest neck-in-neck with recruiters for the Dow Chemical Company, makers of napalm. The SFMT formed a marching band to energize anti-Dow, anti-war demonstrations, and played for two sold-out weeks in New York, winning its first Obie Award "for uniting theater and revolution and grooving in the parks."

Davis left the Troupe in 1970. The company after that became a collective — partly by ideology, partly by default — and began a series of experiments with industrial-era popular theater forms: melodrama and its descendants, science fiction and the spy thriller.

In 1974 the company won its second Obie, for "The Dragon Lady's Revenge" (with Andrea Snow in the title role), based on Ramparts magazine's expose of CIA complicity in the Indochina hero-in trade.

During the Reagan years, the Troupe bitterly satirized the triumph of capital, and mirrored the disillusion of the country's left, in shows like the "Factwino" plays, featuring Shabaka as a superhero of information, and "Ripped Van Winkle," with Arthur Holden as the hippie who slept from 1968 to 1988.

Like most small companies, the Troupe has always struggled financially. Proceeds from "Dragon Lady," and help from a friend, supplied the down payment on a vacant warehouse in the Mission district in 1973, enabling their company to survive San Francisco's real estate boom. Unsubsidized until the late 1970s, it enjoyed a few stable years in the 1980s with grants from the city, the state of California, and the National Endowment for the Arts. In the 1990s, the right-wing attack on the NEA cost the SFMT most of its federal support and also decimated the national touring network, its other main source of income.



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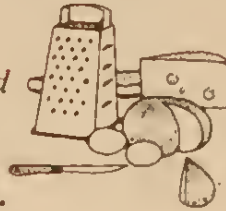


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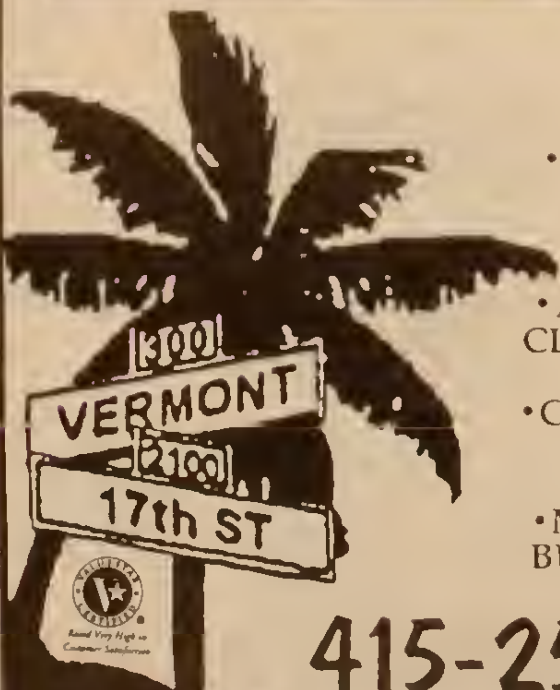
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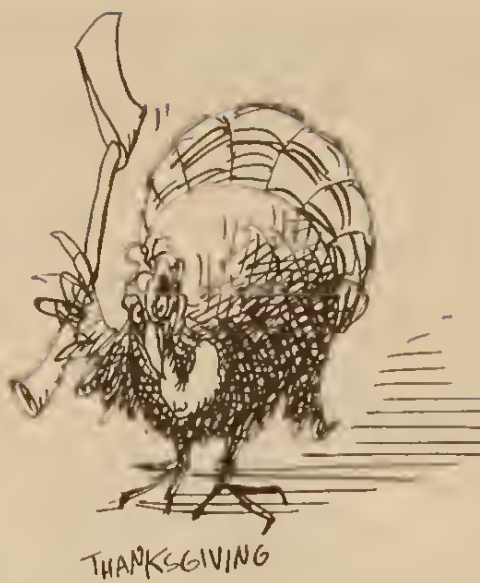
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